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Prospect Resident Trooper's Office Adds Dual-Purpose Motorcycles to Their Fleet of Patrol Vehicles

In an unveiling ceremony on **June 15, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.**, the Prospect Resident trooper's Office will officially add two Kawasaki KLR 650 motorcycles to their fleet. This ceremony will take place at the Prospect Town Hall located on Center Street in Prospect. These motorcycles serve a dual purpose. They are able to negotiate trails for off-highway use, but still designed for legal operation on public roadways. It is anticipated that they will prove beneficial in combating unlawful operation of all-terrain vehicles, but also aid in locating trespassers or missing persons. They will also be used to deter criminal activity in town parks and properties. These motorcycles will enhance the police force's ability to move swiftly into areas where a patrol cruiser is not able to travel.

One of the Kawasaki motorcycles was generously donated to the town of Prospect by *O & G Industries* while the other was obtained through grant money and donations made to the town. There are currently two Prospect Officers trained in operating these motorcycles. They received extensive training through the Connecticut State Police, Motorcycle Traffic Unit, at the State Police Academy located in Meriden, CT.

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